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International Club Hosts Chinese New Year Celebration

Griffin Salyer '19
Guest Writer

Chinese New Year is a time of wonderful celebration for a fourth of the world's population. This year is the year of the Monkey in the Chinese Zodiac Cycle and the “monkeys” that are born during this year are said to be witty, intelligent, and have a magnetic personality. The Chinese Celebration is in some ways similar to the celebrations of Christmas and New Year's Day for western coun-

tries, but from a different world and about many different traditions. The Chinese New Year originally began as celebration of abundance, wealth, and family in ancient China and has since grown into a spring festival of gift giving and family time. Every year there is a spring festival—this year's festival started on February 8th and ended on the 13th—which brings together all the families that celebrate. The Festival includes many different parts that range from fireworks to ward off spirits, to the famous Chinese dumpling that symbolizes abundance and family.

This year Hampden-Sydney's International Club celebrated the spring

festival with a delicious dinner. As guests were serenaded by Asian flute music they were able to celebrate the tradition that goes back thousands of years. Dr. William Anderson was the guest speaker at the event and talked about his time in Dalian for a half hour before the dinner began. Dumplings were served as per tradition along with sesame chicken. Good times were had, and the Chinese New Year celebration at H-SC came to a delightful end with happy friends and filled stomachs! Hopefully the tradition will continue here at H-SC for years to come in the hopes of abundance, wealth, and prosperity for every student.



Community members gathered over food in Crawley Forum. Photo Credit: Ben Lam

The Boys Come Through: McDonald Elected President

Auberon Crocker '18
Staff Writer

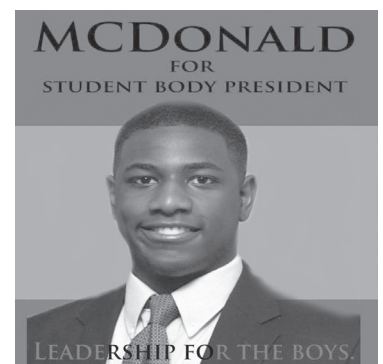
Eric McDonald '17 is Hampden-Sydney's new student body president. McDonald edged out Tyler Langhorn '17, Joshua Chamberlin '17, and Bo Gilbertson '17 to win the 2016-17 student body president race. Running on a platform of “Leadership for the Boys” McDonald's campaign emphasized the importance of brotherhood, unity, and leadership. As McDonald

said, “As president, I would focus on two goals: instituting a new recycling/waste reduction program and working to create an even stronger sense of brotherhood in our community.” The Sigma Nu brother, former soccer player, and Vice President of the Music Interest Club used his views of a unified brotherhood to appeal to the student body and capture the election. As he said, “I believe that by supporting our brothers in all parts of their experience, everyone's time at Sydney will be better.” The runner-up of the election was the active second-year student Tyler James Langhorn who stressed the import of being involved on cam-

pus. Joshua Chamberlin, the current Chairman of the Senate, came in third with the main goal of his platform being “to improve the communication between the students and faculty.” Last but not least was Bo Gilbertson, who wished to improve student safety and create a more active campus. McDonald, however, proved to be the students' man and leader, saying, “It's time to stop talking and start doing. I have big plans for next year and hope you do too.” Time will tell if McDonald will be able to fulfill his big plans but if one thing is certain it's that he will always be “loyal to the boys.”

Jimmy Mills '17 won Chairman of

Student Court over Stewart Lawrence '17 and Brad Chester '17 with his focus on loyalty to the Honor Code. Robby Pettit '17 won Chairman of the CAC over Carter Mason '17 with his plan to have more activities and events for all students to help unify the student body. Finally, William Echols '17 won Secretary-Treasurer over Tanner Beck '18 with a plan to make the finance board more efficient. Congratulations to Eric McDonald, Jimmy Mills, Robby Pettit, William Echols, and all who ran for a position in the student government this year. Let's hope that these men will continue to make Hampden-Sydney great!



McDonald defeated three other candidates in his victorious campaign to become student body president.

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I'm deeply sorry for the mistakes that were printed in the previous issue. There's no excuse for what happened on our end, but I fear that we at the *Tiger* have let down the Hampden-Sydney community. I take my job seriously, and I want our newspaper to be taken seriously; the previous issue was simply not up to our standards.

The last line of the front page article entitled "Hampden-Sydney Ethics Bowl Team Wins Debate Competition" never made it to print; the final

sentence should read "Hampden-Sydney has been one of the strongest programs in the nearly 20-year history of the Ethics Bowl, and the team looks to capitalize on this year's success as they look to the future."

The last three lines of the front page article entitled "SFB Struggles with Funding Amidst Corruption Claims" also were not printed. The final paragraph included other clubs that had received far less than their request in an attempt to show how wide-ranging the cuts had been. The author of the article, Traylor Nichols, would also like to point out that Graves Anthony '16, who was cited multiple times in the article, declined

multiple requests for interviews.

In addition, the *Tiger* printed club allocations that were given to us by the Student Finance Board. Unfortunately, many students have indicated that the information printed therein is incorrect. I'd like to take responsibility for this error, too, but the figures we printed are the very same ones given to us by Ben Bardill, outgoing Secretary-Treasurer. If students are interested in seeing the actual club allocations, I encourage them to speak to Mr. Bardill or the incoming Secretary-Treasurer, Will Echols, about them.

As always, thank you for reading and supporting the *Tiger*, and feel free to contact us anytime.

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To see the most recent issue of the *Hampden-Sydney Tiger*, simply visit the Hampden-Sydney College website, click on the Current Students tab, and see us on the sidebar!

About Last Issue... (I'm Sorry)

Wanted: Students with a Passion for H-SC Publications

Students who are interested in applying to be Editor-in-Chief of the *Tiger*, Editor-in-Chief of the *Garnet*, or head of Tiger Radio are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and résumé to Tommy Shomo, Director of Marketing and Publications, at tshomo@hsc.edu by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.



COMMUNITY VOICES

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS PAGE, LIKE THE FOLLOWING ONE, IS DEDICATED TO LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AS WELL AS THE TRADITIONAL OPINION SECTION. GUEST SUBMISSIONS DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE *TIGER'S* POLICIES AND HAVE NOT BEEN EDITED BY OUR STAFF.

Guest Submission: Holding Fast to Tradition Is Key to H-SC Honor Court's Success

Holden McLemore '16
Outgoing Student Court Chairman

The winds of change are blowing hard at Hampden-Sydney. Instead of going with the wind, I challenge us all to buckle down and remember who we are as a Hampden-Sydney community. Besides being an all-male institution, the thing that makes us truly unique is our Honor Code and our student-run justice system.

I've heard talk recently from the faculty, students, and members of the Board of Trustees that in order to improve the Student Justice System, basic principles of our system must change. These changes include limiting the jurisdiction of the court to only on campus, allowing students who are found guilty of an Honor Code offense to remain on campus without separation, and to allow the faculty

to determine sanctions for Honor Code offenses. In my opinion, none of these suggestions improves the Student Justice System; in fact, every one of these three changes threatens the foundation that makes Hampden-Sydney strong. These suggestions, if adopted, will lead to the dismantling of the Student Justice System and undermine our way of life on the Hill.

Critics of the current system might ask, "Why does the Student Court's jurisdiction reach off campus?" It's simple. Hampden-Sydney is preparing men for life beyond these gates. Just as our future employers will hold us accountable for any negative actions we commit outside of work, Hampden-Sydney holds students responsible for negative actions committed outside of its gates. Think about the slippery slope this idea creates. Do we really mean that if a student were to go home and use notes and a book to take a closed-note exam, that student shouldn't be held

accountable because he did not cheat on campus? The idea also suggests if a student were to steal something from the Farmville Wal-Mart, that student cannot be held accountable because the act took place off campus. At Hampden-Sydney, and in life, you're held accountable for your actions no matter where the actions take place.

Others might ask, "Why do we automatically separate students who are found guilty of an Honor Code offense?" This semester, the Student Court, along with the Faculty Student Affairs Committee, conducted a survey that went out to students, faculty, and alumni. I was particularly struck by one student's response; he wrote, "I was [separated] at the end of my first semester for cheating... I pled guilty, because I believed in the Honor Code. It was the best thing that ever happened to me—no exaggeration. I wouldn't be the man I am today without it." We don't separate

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The Court Should Explore All Options, Be Open to Changes

Stewart Lawrence '17
Staff Writer

I would like to preface this opinion piece by saying that Holden and I have served on the Student Court together for the last two years, and I believe he has done a commendable job during his tenure as Court Chair; I have nothing but respect for him.

Over this past election cycle there have been a number of beliefs presented, leading inevitably to disagreements on how these beliefs stack up to our current system of Student Government. As one of the candidates for Student Court Chairman I found myself in the middle of such debates. While my platform included many reforms, including enhancing relations with both the appeals committee and faculty in general and adding new levels of oversight in the creation of in-

vestigation packets, my idea to ask the student body whether or not students should be held to the Honor Code off campus seemed to have caused quite a stir. The honor system is one of the primary facets of our college and provides Hampden-Sydney a reverence that other students do not always enjoy in higher education. That being said, however, one must wonder how far should that system extend. Regarding the honor code, The Key states, **"A student's obligation under the Honor Code does not start or stop at the edge of the campus. It applies in all places, year-round."** In his article, Holden makes a good point: if this system is taken down, what's to stop a student from simply going off campus to commit an honor violation and then coming back without a charge? In such a case I would have to agree that this student should be prosecuted.

This, however, is only a specific instance regarding what was meant to be

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Gay Conversion Therapy Actually Exists...and Should Be Limited

Bobby George '17
Staff Writer

Yes. You read that headline correctly. Today, in America and around the world, homosexuals are still subjected to abusive pseudoscience in an effort to change their sexual orientation. We no longer authorize lobotomies nor classify homosexuality as a mental disorder, but we still do condone forms of torture disguised as "healing."

There are multiple forms of "ther-

apy," but the most common is of positive and negative reinforcement when a person is shown images of heterosexual acts and homosexual acts. That is about the average practice; there are extremes on both ends of the spectrum, though, from physical harm to simply having conversations about desires the individual may not be comfortable acting upon. I will be focusing on the methods of conversion that tread a gray line with torture, I would argue for complete illegalization, however I am quite fearful of the

methods of conversion that would be practiced in the shadows rather than under the scope of a regulatory body. At the very least, such practices should require the "patient" to be a consenting adult and be highly regulated.

Currently, every single state in the United States allows for gay conversion therapy. Only two states (New Jersey and California) have any sort of limitation and that is only that the "patient" be an adult. Homosexual men and women who undergo conversion are not truly made het-

erosexuals, but instead are forced to live in denial of their true selves. In fact, Alan Chambers, the leader of Exodus International, which used to be the largest ex-gay organization, claimed that over 99% of people he knew (including himself) never truly changed their attraction. The effectiveness of such pseudoscience is best summed up by the co-chair of Born Perfect, an organization attempting to end gay conversion, Sam Brinton. He described his therapy, saying that a therapist "tied down my hands and

placed ice on them while showing me erotic pictures of men. He wrapped my hands in hot coils, stuck needles in my fingers, and shocked me with electricity. Through all of this, I remained gay but became suicidal."

Humans should not be subjected to the idea that they must be straight. There is nothing but harm when people are told their mere existence is wrong. Gay conversion therapy is only harmful to its participants and should be limited and regulated in the United States.

An Open Letter to the Community Regarding the Last Issue of the *Tiger*

Graves Anthony '16
Staff Writer

Dear Hampden-Sydney Community,

There has been much uproar over the recent article published in the *Tiger* by Traylor Nichols. There were some unfounded comments presented as facts that I would like to debunk about my time and effort as both the College Republicans Chairman and my time on the Student Finance Board.

To address the first unfounded comment about our "fouled up book-

ing of a trip to Fox News" we booked the rooms to carry 16-20 students to visit Fox News's Washington, D.C. Bureau where we were going to receive a private tour from Hampden-Sydney Alumnus Chris Stirewalt. The trip went awry when terrorists decided to strike in Paris, all of Fox's resources were diverted to covering that story. That trip had nothing to do with anything this or last semester despite what Mr. Nichols insinuated. This semester we have been very active, we have sent students on a deployment for presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio, we attended the College Republican Federation of Virginia state conference, we are also providing an opportunity for students

to go to CPAC (Conservative Political Action Conference) where one of our club members secured an internship with a Super PAC last summer. We are also going to host our annual Reagan Dinner for our club members and the lecture that will follow which will be open to the public. We also plan on sending students on more deployments for presidential candidates and congressional campaigns. We have hosted numerous debate watch parties and election return parties throughout the year. We plan on hosting a Hampden-Sydney Presidential Primary with the Democrats that will be conducted in the commons in the coming weeks. As you can see, we are a very active club and have a strong base

of support among our club members.

The article also addressed funding issues for the Outsiders Club. I am a member of the outsiders club and have been for the last four years. I haven't been as active with that club as I have been with the College Republicans, however that doesn't take away from the fact that I am a member of the club. I credit Mr. Brown with reviving that club. When I arrived on campus four years ago that club was sponsoring few credible events, now the club is very active and hosts events almost every weekend.

I have been on the finance board now for three years. I have been the Chairman of the College Republicans for two years. I was appointed to the

board by then Secretary-Treasurer Damien Sharp '15. He found my judgement to be of good use on the board. I have served under three different administrations including Brett Shaw '16 and Ben Bardill '16. Last year during the crisis of Tiger Palooza, it left us in a hole and it caused me to have acid reflux and loose nights worth of sleep trying to figure out how we could put on a Greek Week concert for basically pennies. There has never been a semester since I have been on the board in which we have not made cuts across the board.

Following this letter, if you have any questions or concerns about how club allocations work then feel free to reach out to me.

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students from Hampden-Sydney because we are power hungry or because we enjoy doing it. We separate students guilty of Honor Code violations because it's part of the process of making that student a Hampden-Sydney man. For some it is a four-year process, for some it is longer, and some will never become Hampden-Sydney men. Somewhere along the way, there's been a change in the way we think about separation. Some now look at separation as Hampden-Sydney failing the student or the court ruining his academic career. However, we should be interpreting separation as part of the process of forming Hampden-Sydney men. Like the student quoted above, once a student is removed from our community for a period of time, he is able to take personal responsibility and return after learning a hard, but valuable, lesson.

Finally, we should ask, "Why is the Student Justice System student run?" To answer this question, we look no further than the preamble to The Key. The Key says, "The delegation by the Faculty of responsibility and authority to Student Government does not represent abdication of au-

thority by the Trustees, Administration, of the Faculty, but is a part of the process of developing 'good men and good citizens.'" Having the students lead, govern, and judge one another is one of Hampden-Sydney's oldest and proudest traditions.

In the same survey, I was struck by a comment by a member of the faculty. This faculty member wrote, "Our system does not make us somehow special. Every school I've ever been at has had an honor code of some sort, and our students are no more or less honorable than students at those places." I ask that member of faculty to show me another Hampden-Sydney: to show me another school where you can take exams without professors in the room, another school where the students feel comfortable leaving their door unlocked or laptops out unattended at the library because they know nothing will be stolen, another place where your word and a simple handshake still mean something. The fact of the matter is that you can't, because there is simply no other place like Hampden-Sydney. Why? Because of our Honor Code and *student-run* justice system. It is up to all of us to recognize this, educate ourselves on our system, and fight for its preservation. Our Honor Code works because 99% of Hampden-Sydney men obey it. We obey it not out of fear, but out of character. Let us continue to be men of character and let us keep *our* student run justice system strong.



Lawrence (not pictured) and McLemore (front row, second from left) have different perspectives. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

Lawrence Response Continued

a broad question. Should it be within the Court's power to regulate our lives outside of the physical bounds of Hampden-Sydney? If, for instance, a student is turned into the honor court for using a fake ID in another state,

and that student is kicked out of school for it, then there would seemingly be no limit on the extent and power of the Student Justice system. Such a system seems to be dependent on fear of prosecution rather than pride in upholding an ethical code. What is the value of honor, which is traditionally derived internally, when the system designed to maintain that honor relies on external forms of punishment to compel adherence to the system?

In presenting the question on the jurisdiction of the Court to the student body during my campaign,

I did not seek to change the honor code or destroy the traditions that have come to define Hampden-Sydney. Rather, I sought to include the students in the same conversations that the Student Court has had internally. That, in my opinion, is what is needed to increase transparency. Not just trial announcements or office hours, but conversations to ensure the Court represents the students themselves in the best way that they can. Without such communication, I question the future direction of our unique Student Government.



Local Eats: Finding Comfort in Richmond

Graves Anthony '16
Food Critic

After a long day of lobbying for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant, I was pleased enough with the weather to walk the 12 blocks from the Virginia Capitol Building to a restaurant that I have enjoyed time and time again: Comfort. The restaurant's atmosphere is one of a local hipster roots restaurant. The interior combines country with hipster to actually create a good environment. The weather was beautiful, with a high of 60-plus degrees and plenty of sunshine, unlike the other days that we spent recovering from the snowpocalypse the prior week. Comfort, which is one of my favorite restaurants in Richmond, serves hearty, country soul food that would satisfy the hungriest of people.

Since it was hot that day I had to

order a glass of sweet tea which, like all of the standard drinks, comes in a Mason jar. For my meal I ordered the grilled pork chops with squash casserole and mac 'n' cheese. I understand that there wasn't much color to my plate that day, however I was quite hungry because I hadn't eaten breakfast or lunch that day so I was very happy to see my plate when it arrived. The pork chops were seasoned to perfection and grilled just right. They tasted incredible: full of spice, but carefully done, as not to drown out the pork's natural flavor. The squash casserole was done wonderfully; the squash was cooked just enough so that it wasn't mushy and it wasn't undercooked, so that I could avoid eating raw squash. There was a nice blend of cheddar cheese mixed in with the squash, along with a little bit of zucchini to add a bit of color. The macaroni and cheese was heavenly, not like the stuff that you get out of the box. It tasted as if my mom had made it from scratch using real cheese instead of the mass-produced Velveeta that is so often used when making the same dish.

The meal was delicious and scrumptious. Overall I would highly recommend Comfort for anyone looking for good food at good prices in the downtown Richmond area. I give Comfort 5 of 5 stars for the excellent tasting food. Comfort has never failed me and I don't think it will fail you either. Until next time, Happy Eating!



Graves's meal consisted of Southern comfort food. Photo Credit: Graves Anthony

The Driver Charles Kelly

★★☆☆☆

With Lady Antebellum on an indefinite hiatus, co-lead singer Charles Kelly has taken the time to write and record his debut solo album, *The Driver*. Being a big fan of Lady Antebellum's work, I was excited for this album's release. However, upon hearing it, I was actually disappointed with the overall turnout. The album opens with the track "Your Love," an up-tempo love song in which the nar-

rator describes how he can't live without his significant other's love. It's a great way to start off the album, and is arguably the best track. The next song, "The Driver" is a collaborative effort between Kelly, Dierks Bentley, and Eric Paslay. It's a soft song with really nothing much going on. In fact, the multiple vocalists are pretty much the only interesting thing about the song. It lacks a strong chorus and a catchy melody, something fans are used to hearing in Kelly's work with Lady Antebellum. The rest of the album doesn't get much better. The songwriting on the album is not great, leaving a lot of the songs unmemora-

ble. The cover of Tom Petty's "Southern Accents" is an admirable effort, but it's nothing special. One greatly misses Lady Antebellum bandmates Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood throughout the album. Charles Kelly has a very good voice, but without his bandmates' input in the songwriting, the songs just aren't memorable. *The Driver* isn't a terrible record, but it isn't a very good one either. It suffers greatly from poor songwriting, which in turn makes for an unexciting record. I strongly recommend Lady Antebellum fans to take a pass on this one, and wait for the group's next studio effort.

-Drew Dickerson '17

One Second of Love Nite Jewel

★★★★☆

One of the best aspects of being a music lover is picking up an album on a whim as a random find at a store. I was recently in Nashville, Tennessee, and I picked up Nite Jewel's 2012 record *One Second of Love* at Grimey's New and Preloved Music. A great feature of this record shop was a complimentary turntable where you could sample music. I put this album on and listened to about 30 seconds of each track and then quickly purchased it.

What initially attracted me to the album was the simplicity of the record. I don't mean simplistic to be a negative term, but instead a breath of fresh air. Ramona Gonzalez, the vo-

calist and principle member of Nite Jewel, has an ethereal voice, but also a nice range that is showcased in songs like "In the Dark." As a singer/songwriter, she also has a talent for writing a strong chorus that keeps the songs flowing through the listener's head. For the most part, the songs on this record have a nice underlay of synthesizers, a drum machine, and occasionally an arrangement that includes other instruments. The songs also have a nice rhythm, and the rhythmic pattern of the drum machine makes these songs reminiscent of the danceable synth wave movement, but also very much a part of it at the same time. One of my favorite aspects of the instrumentation is the fact that it does not overpower Ramona's voice, and instead showcases her voice nicely.

The lyrics on this project are focused on another person, often fleeting, which lend focus to the title of

the album. Even though there are several tracks on the album that feature few lyrics, they are still extremely effective in the songs. For instance, on "No I Don't," the idea that the narrator doesn't know what to do without a specific person is emphasized by the moody instrumentation and the airy vocals of Ramona. While they sometimes lend a darker mood to the songs, songs like "Autograph" are very upbeat and lend a refreshing variety to this album.

While I don't see myself listening to this record over and over, I do see myself returning to it. I do value the memorable choruses of the songs, and that makes it easy to listen to songs on the album more than once. Since I discovered this album several years after it was released, I hope that there are more projects from Nite Jewel on the way.

-Jonathan Campbell '16

American Buffalo Dir. Matthew Dubroff

★★★★☆

Last Thursday, I attended Hampden-Sydney College's performance of *American Buffalo*. Written by David Mamet, and directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre Matthew Dubroff, the play tells the story of three men—Don, Bobby, and Teach—all trying to get back a buffalo nickel

that they sold because they believe it to be worth a lot of money. Over the course of the play, many obstacles arise that prevent them from achieving their goal. The three actors of the production, Patrick Ford, Tre' Briggs, and Gurion Ramirez, all performed splendidly in their respective roles. In addition, the play had a nice opening act from Elliott Professor of Economics Kenneth Townsend on guitar and vocals. The stage design was also very impressive. The crew did an outstand-

ing job making the set look like a real pawnshop. Any guest in attendance could tell that a lot of effort went into bringing the production to life, and in the end, the results showed that the cast and crew's hard work paid off.

The show runs this Thursday and Friday, the 25th and 26th. Those interested in attending are advised that the performance includes much adult language and that mature audiences are recommended.

-Drew Dickerson '17

The Garnet Goes into the Red

Traylor Nichols '17
Associate Editor

Recently, there has been a fear that Hampden-Sydney's oldest student publication, the *Garnet*, may run out of print. The past half-decade has seen a great decline in student publishing, with the *Kaleidoscope* ceasing its publication in 2011 and Tiger Radio indefinitely going off air in 2014. Additionally, the *Garnet*, a collection of student creative work, has not been published since 2014, and only received \$800 of its requested \$2800 in the recent allocation period. Editor Johnathan Campbell says that the *Garnet* does have an edition at print; however it is 2015's issue. He says that the *Garnet* started to fall back on its publishing during 2013, when then-Editor-in-Chief Tyler Parham went to study abroad in China. The duty was thrust upon Campbell, who was then Associate Editor, to manage and direct the *Garnet*. Additionally, the release party, an event for the *Garnet* staff where the printed product is revealed, was pushed from the spring to the fall for

Parham's return. After the 2014 edition was revealed, Campbell struggled to make the new edition, saying "we just didn't receive enough submissions." When asked the *Garnet*'s current status, Editor Calvin Charles says that they have completed the 2015 *Garnet* and are gathering submissions for the 2016 edition. Campbell says that "we were working against time restraints and budget restraints." The *Garnet* is usually between eighty and one hundred pages and costs about \$1600 to print, which is double what the publication received in allocations. Charles noted that the *Garnet* has not received allocations from the Student Finance Board for the past three years, so it has no money saved up to print. When asked how the *Garnet* will be able to print, he says "right now we're looking down different avenues to gather money, including cutting the size of the book."

One of Campbell's biggest concerns is that "not enough people know about the *Garnet*," adding that "some of the best writers come from this school" and they shouldn't be discour-

aged from submitting work. The *Garnet* has been an active publication on campus since 1859, and has featured many forms of submissions, including short stories, one act plays, poems, and drawings. Campbell stresses that the *Garnet* is an extremely important project, and asks the student body to not be discouraged by the minor setbacks of the past few years. "It feels like we're putting it through reconstruction for next year," Charles says. "There will be more accountability and new staff members," adding that the new generation of staff members will help for continuity in future years. Production Manager Kevin Tuck, who has helped the *Garnet* staff on multiple occasions, said that "it will just take time and work" to get the long lived student publication back on track. But both Campbell and Charles know the importance of the *Garnet* for the school and aim to catch up in editions, rather than having a single two year edition. The *Garnet* is a living record of the thoughts and emotions of the student body over the years, and as Charles put it, "a fun way to express yourself."

Prospects Attend Special Sessions at Huge Admissions Event

David Bushhouse '19
Staff Writer

On February 6th, the Admissions Office hosted a pre-professional open house for prospective students. High school juniors and seniors interested in pre-engineering, pre-law, pre-business, and pre-medicine/pre-health programs attended sessions that presented the college's facilities, professors, and academic programs for each respective field. Additionally, this open house offered a Liberal Arts session headed up by Dr. Robert Irons and a National Security and Military Leadership Pre-Professional Session through the Wilson Center.

All of these events were well-attended, says Berkeley Leonard, Assistant Dean of Admissions for the College. Leonard added that open house numbers have been rapidly growing over the past few years in response to a greater push by admissions to "[try] to get more people to campus." "It's the people who help sell this place," Leonard went on to say. As many students know, a visit to Hampden-Sydney allows prospective students to get a feel for the campus atmosphere, and the Admissions Office believes that the open house experience provides more opportunities to see and experience campus life than private visits do.

Some of those opportunities are the pre-professional sessions. In the Chemistry and Biology departments, for example, prospective students were given tours that included various high-tech analytical instruments,

as well as talks about current student research. James Lau '17 presented the results of his summer research with Dr. Kristian Hargadon '01, which examined genetic means of inhibiting the metastasis of melanoma in the body. Lau believes that presentations like his help show top prospects that the research opportunities at HSC are "more of a collaboration than at bigger state schools" like the University of Virginia, where undergraduates often find themselves doing the "grunt work" without overarching purpose.

This insight echoed a main purpose of the pre-professional open house program, which, according to Leonard, appeals to better and brighter students by breaking misconceptions and showing prospective students that while HSC is a small school, it offers many of the same opportunities that "big schools talk so highly about." Leonard said that the open house format allows admissions to target students who "show character, strong academics — guys who would do really well here and benefit from a Hampden-Sydney education."

This recent open house was one of the largest ever, and represents a rising trend in the number of students visiting campus, but Leonard told me that that growth is not an indication of an anticipated growth in student body. Instead, the pre-professional open house events enable the Admissions Office to continue to select the best and brightest students for admission to our storied institution. The next pre-professional open house will be held on March 19th.

A Blast from the Past: January, 1987

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This winter has been a tough one for the Hampden-Sydney community. Classes were cancelled for the first winter storm in January and the campus was frozen solid for the last snowstorm that came through. After going through the archives I found that this year was not the worst winter H-SC has seen. In 1987, the campus saw one of its worst blizzards since 1856.

Big Snow '87: Problems of present like those of past

Classes have been cancelled twice at Hampden-Sydney because of snow. The first time was in 1983, the most recent on January 23 and 26 of this year [1987]. Two storms dumped 23 inches of snow on the

campus. President Bunting, in New York for the Board of Trustees meeting, consulted with Business Manager L.D. Phaup and decided to close the school. The faculty has since passed a resolution against the comprehensive cancellation of classes in the future.

Following is the text of the resolution:

"It is the sense of the faculty that, in view of the residential nature of the College and the substantial proportion of the faculty members who live on campus, class meetings should not be cancelled because of adverse weather conditions. It is understood that students who cannot reach class will be granted excused absences with full opportunity to make up missed work, and that the faculty members who are prevented from reaching class by the weather conditions shall be free to make their own arrangements for added meetings if they deem it necessary.

This resolution is not intended to require operation of administra-

tive offices, inasmuch as most administrative staff live off campus and, in general, need not be present for the presentation of classes."

"Things have changed considerably in the last 40 years. Half of the faculty and many of the students now live off campus. President Bunting's decision was in the best interest of the faculty and the students," states Phaup. "The ultimate decision should be in the hands of the President or his designated appointee. He is ultimately responsible for the employees and the students." Phaup consulted Buildings and Grounds Superintendent S. Warren Kernodle and Associate Dean of Students Todd Schill concerning the weather conditions on Wednesday and Sunday evening before contacting Bunting in New York. The president then cancelled classes and closed the administrative offices. Only essential Buildings and Grounds personnel were asked to report.

Members of the faculty did not feel the snow justified the cancellation of classes.

"Never in 207 years did we cancel classes because of snow, until 1983, when we had a panicky carpetbagger in the Dean's office," said Professor John Brinkley.

Professor William Porterfield stated, "We didn't close because of the Civil War; why should we close because of snow?"

Snow may not have closed the school, but it has disrupted life at the College on several occasions.

Professor Brinkley told of the difficulties during the blizzard of 1940. 36 inches of snow fell, while the official report listed the accumulation at 21 inches. The snow drifted so badly the first floor windows and door on the back of Bagby were covered. The campus was isolated for eight days.

Conditions became so severe a plan was developed to parachute food into the campus. The day was saved when the students hand dug their way to route 15.

"The biggest problem was there

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TIGER SPORTS

Baseball Wins Three of Four, Looks to Remain Hot

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Sports Editor

The month of February marks the start of collegiate baseball across the nation. However, the last (hopefully) few weeks of winter have a tendency to tamper with the early-season schedule. Unfortunately, the Hampden-Sydney Baseball Team was a victim of the curse, as a home doubleheader against Stevenson was postponed. The weather did improve in time for the Tigers to host the annual Floyd B. Wilcox Memorial Tournament during the weekend of February 19th-21st. The competition was a good showing for H-SC, as they were victorious in two out of three games, with the only defeat coming in extra innings.

The Tigers faced Penn State Harrisburg in their opening game of the tournament, and a balanced effort allowed them to cruise to a 5-0 win. The H-SC offense recorded ten hits on the day, led by seniors Lee Carneal (Charlottesville, VA) and Reggie Johnson (Dunnsville, VA) with two hits each. Senior Teddy West (Lanexa, VA) contributed a stellar performance on the mound, pitching six innings and striking out five batters.

H-SC started off quickly in the first with Johnson leading off with a double. He would later score as the Lions were preoccupied with a steal attempt at second base. Johnson's impact continued in the fourth when his single allowed senior John Lloyd (Glen Allen, VA) to advance to third. A sacrifice fly from freshman Jacob Fontana (Midlothian, VA) allowed Lloyd to cross home and make the score 2-0.

The Tigers added another run in the sixth inning, when Lee Carneal batted in sophomore Moe Gothe (Chester, VA). Two more runs were added in the in the seventh through RBI's from senior Jack Elliott (Pittsburgh, PA) and junior Dustin Wiles (Belmont, NC).

H-SC faced Greensboro the following day, falling 5-4 in a thrilling extra-inning affair. The Tigers recorded nine hits to Greensboro's twelve on the day. John Lloyd led the way with a scintillating 3-for-4 performance with three RBI's.

H-SC struck first with Lloyd batting in Dustin Wiles in the bottom of the third inning, but Greensboro answered back with four runs of their own in the fourth. The Tigers clawed their way back in the seventh, with Lloyd batting in Wiles and Moe Gothe before the game was tied by an RBI double from Lee Carneal.

Two scoreless innings forced the teams into extras, where Greensboro was able to score in the top of the eleventh and seal the win in the bottom of the frame.

H-SC concluded the tournament with a 13-12 shootout win over Wesley. The two teams combined for 35 hits, with John Lloyd and freshman Tyler Blevins contributing three each.

Wesley jumped ahead in the third inning, scoring six runs on nine hits. The Tigers began to work their way back into the game in the bottom of the inning when Dustin Wiles and junior Joey Sutphin (Radford, VA) led off with back-to-back triples. RBI's by Blevins, junior Ryan Peevey (Wirtz, VA) and sophomore Brian Goodwyn (Chester, VA) brought H-SC within two.

Wesley struck back in the fourth, scoring five more runs to take an 11-4 lead. Goodwyn and Wiles dragged the Tigers back in the fourth and the sixth, closing the deficit to 11-6. A bases-loaded walk of Jack Elliott allowed H-SC to tack on another.

The Tigers offense sparked again in the seventh, with Lloyd hitting a two-run homer and Elliot recording two RBI's to tie the game at 11. Wesley broke the tie in the ninth with a two-out error allowing a run to score.

H-SC came through in the clutch in the bottom of the ninth, with an RBI single from junior Cody Smith tying the game. A sacrifice fly from Sutphin allowed the Tigers to prevail in walk-off fashion.

H-SC traveled to Averett on February 23rd and was able to leave town with a 14-7 win. The Tigers were again led by their offense on the afternoon, scoring a whopping ten runs on six hits in the fourth inning. H-SC was again led by John Lloyd, who went 3-for-5 with 4 RBI. Reggie Johnson, Tyler Blevins, Brian Goodwyn, and Cody Smith each recorded two hits.

The offensive explosion in the

fourth inning was the deciding factor in the game. Lloyd smoked a two-RBI double down the left field line. An RBI single by Johnson was followed closely by a two-RBI single by Blevins. RBI singles by Goodwyn and another by Lloyd stretched the lead to 12-1 before Averett was able to stop the bleeding.

Hampden-Sydney's record now sits at 5-3. The Tigers will be back on the diamond this weekend for the H-SC Classic, hosting York and Moravian on Saturday and Sunday. First pitches are set for 11 AM against York and 3 PM against Moravian on Saturday, with a second game against Moravian scheduled for 3 PM on Sunday.



Senior John Lloyd looks to make a play. Lloyd has played an important role in the Tigers' success Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics



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Swimming Finishes Year Strong

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Sports Writer

After a nearly five-month season the Hampden-Sydney Swim Team wrapped up the 2015-2016 campaign at the ODAC Championships earlier this month. The final meet of the year occurred in Greensboro, North Carolina, where the Tigers brought home a third-place finish. While our swimmers may not have come out on top of the meet, eleven previously standing school record times were toppled.

Tiger freshman and newcomer John Dickerson (Virginia Beach, VA) set three individual school records in the 200-yard IM, 100-yard breaststroke, and the 200-yard breaststroke. Another newcomer, Hudson Elmore (Richmond, VA), set three new school records as well in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly while also besting the former 200-yard backstroke record. Not to be outdone, Freshman Conor Roberson (Stafford, VA) took the new high-water mark in the 1650-yard

freestyle. Also, Junior Ryan Mitchell (Charlottesville, VA) broke the standing record of the 100-yard freestyle along with breaking the 100-yard breaststroke record only to see teammate John Dickerson beat the record later. Individual records were not the only ones to fall, though. The relay team of Junior Conor O'Heir (Flint Hill, VA), Elmore, Dickerson, and Mitchell bested the record for the 200-yard medley, 400-yard medley, and the 800-yard freestyle relay.

After another year with steps forward for the swimming team here at Hampden-Sydney it would be remiss not to mention the graduating seniors from this team. Calvin Charles (Fort Washington, MD) and Evan Harris (Mechanicsville, VA) have played an integral part in the strengthening of the swim team, as both men have been a part of the team since their freshman years. As the swimming program continues to strengthen under the direction of Coach Betsy Leonard, the future is bright thanks to a youthful roster and the trend of constant improvement year to year.

sick of snow," and found it "dreadfully tiresome dragging up and down the hill with snow knee deep as I have frequently had to do, when there was no path or the wind had drifted snow across the path." (Herbert Bradshaw, *History of Hampden-Sydney College*)

The problems during the blizzard of 1987 are reminiscent of past difficulties. President Gammon would today be driven to the train station in a four wheel drive, but we can all sympathize with the feelings of those students who were stranded on campus for eight days. Certainly a student in the New Dorms had thoughts similar to John Tillinghust as he trudged to first class Tuesday morning. While school may never be closed again because of snow, some experiences we had dealing with the snow are destined to be repeated.

Epic Snow Continued

were not enough shovels," said Brinkley.

The spirit of the students was matched by President Gammon. Gammon had a speaking engagement off campus. Not to be stopped by a little snow, Dr. Gammon had Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Herman walk in front of him with a light and a shovel all the way to the train station in Farmville.

John Huske Tillinghust, a student at the College in 1856, had trouble with the snow also. Snow on three consecutive weekends in January 1856 kept Tillinghust and the family he lived with from going to church. Tillinghust wrote he was "utterly

Basketball Snaps Losing Steak as It Enters ODAC Tourney

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The false-spring days are here, but that does not mean winter is over yet. The Hampden Sydney basketball team pushed through the end of the regular season on a high note after snapping a five game losing streak. The Tigers finished in a strong position to open the ODAC tournament at home in Fleet Gym.

We pick up the action from February 10th when H-SC traveled to Norfolk, Virginia, for a game against the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins. Unfortunately, the Marlins were too much for the Tigers, who were handed a tough 80-52 loss. Sophomore forward Gui Guimarães (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil) led the H-SC offense with 13 points and senior guard Mike Murray (Norfolk, VA) had 11 points on the night. Guimarães, Murray, and freshman Logan Samuels (Bowie, MD) each had 5 rebounds for the team.

The Tigers hit the road once more for a February 13th game against the Emory & Henry Wasps. For most of the game, the Tigers had

the Wasps within reach. However, a late Emory & Henry bucket with less than a minute left to play gave H-SC another heartbreaking loss, 65-63. Mike Murray led the Tiger scoring unit with 14 points followed by freshman guard Andrew Evans (Raleigh, NC) with 13. Guimarães had 10 rebounds, which has become one of his specialties this season.

With all of the road games out of the way, the team returned to Fleet Gym on February 17 for a pivotal game against arch-rival Randolph-Macon. It was a momentous game in which students received free t-shirts, and the team had an offensive explosion. Roughly 11 minutes into the 1st half, H-SC led by 20 points, 28-8. The team would keep the 20 point margin into halftime, and the scoring continued in the 2nd half. Despite a dwindling lead, H-SC held on to snap the losing streak with a memorable 75-62 victory. Mike Murray led the team offense with 13 points, followed by Andrew Evans with 12 and freshman guard Gray Cheers (Supply, NC) with 10. Guimarães tallied 7 rebounds in the game. Mike Murray broke the Hampden-Sydney record for career assists by eclipsing 410

thanks to his 7 assists against Macon.

On February 20, the regular season concluded as seniors Mike Murray and Mitch Owens (Williamsburg, VA) were recognized for their tenure with the team. The Bridgewater Eagles visited Fleet Gym for a matinee matchup, but it was not pretty for the Eagles. H-SC took the lead roughly two minutes into the game, and the team never looked back. Another offensive explosion rocked Fleet Gym and provided the much-needed morale boost for fans, coaches, and players alike. The Tigers concluded the regular season with another remarkable victory, 76-34. Junior guard Jake Duncan (Williamsburg, VA) had 15 points and Gui Guimarães had 10. The entire team earned some playing time in the game, which illustrated how the team worked cohesively against the Eagles. Senior forward Mitch Owens and sophomore forward Josh Katowitz (Raleigh, NC) each had 5 rebounds that afternoon. In the midst of the celebrations, Mike Murray finished his regular season career with 423 assists, which is an incredible testament to how well he can read the court and spot prime scoring opportunities for his teammates.

The victory gave H-SC a #8 seed in the ODAC tournament, and a game against the #9 seed: the Bridgewater Eagles. On February 23, the Tigers hosted the Eagles in the opening round of the tournament. This time, however, Bridgewater brought its competitive edge back to the Hill. Nonetheless, the Tigers continued their winning ways as they dominated this game en route to a 69-60 victory. Mike Murray had 14 points and 6 rebounds while Mitch Owens had 10 points and 3 rebounds. The victory propels H-SC into a matchup against the top-seeded Lynchburg Hornets in Salem, Virginia on Friday, February 26.



Freshman Gray Cheers makes a move against Averett. Photo Credit: H-SC Athletics